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POWERS AGREE TO MEET AT HAGUE

Hope Is to Solve Russia Problem If United States Will Help.

Genoa, May 15.—What the Genoa conference has failed to do—solve the Russian question—it is hoped to accomplish at another meeting if the United States will participate. A formal invitation to the new conference to be held at The Hague, was handed to the American ambassador, Richard Washburn Child, last night, and today all eyes were on Washington, for upon the question of American participation the chance for an agreement with the Russians is believed to depend.

All the powers now represented here will be asked to send delegates to the Hague meeting, the date for which is tentatively set at June 15. Other details of the gathering are unsettled but at the suggestion of Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, a non-aggression truce for four months, or until the new conference ends its labors, has been approved informally.

Plan Approved

The sub-commission on Russian affairs met today and approved this, and the other features of the plan arrived at the private conversations participated in by Mr. Lloyd George and the other representatives of the five inviting powers.

Inasmuch as the Russian question was the main topic for settlement at Genoa, the failure of the present negotiations will bring the conference to a quick end and adjournment probably will be taken before the end of the present week.

The Hague conference would consist of two commissions of experts, one for the Russians and the other for the remaining powers participating at Genoa, but it is extremely doubtful whether the Russians will consent to the plan as it now stands.

Russians Hold Out

While the British delegation has intimated that the two commissions would co-operate and be on an equal footing, the French and the other delegations, supporting their view, give the impression that the Russian panel would not attend all the sessions of the full conference. For this reason the Russians are said to look upon the project as an attempt to place them in a position of inferiority and the sub-commission, at its meeting today, will attempt to overcome this difficulty.

Foreign Minister Titcherch, head of the Soviet delegation, has addressed a letter to Signor Schanzer protesting against meetings by the five inviting powers to discuss the Russian proposal for a mixed commission without inviting the Russians to participate.

He demands immediate convocation of the political commission in order to enable Russia to develop her proposition.

Washington, May 15.—A communication from American Ambassador Child reporting that the United States government had been invited to participate in the newly planned economic conference at the Hague was received today at the State Department but officials indicated that no immediate decision regarding it would be reached.

Until they had an opportunity to study the proposal in detail, officials would make no comment regarding it. The general impression given by them was that the question probably would be discussed at tomorrow's cabinet meeting and that some action might follow.

At the State department particular pains were taken to emphasize that the invitation was a complete surprise, here, officials declaring that the Washington government had not only not suggested it, but was completely uninformed regarding the plan today.

Only Advance News

The communication from Ambassador Child was said to be only an advance summary of the official text of the invitation. It was understood circumstances which led up to the move still were to come and that the department would take no step until it was fully advised.

In their references to the Hague conference officials would not indicate in what degree they considered the case analogous to the Genoa

negotiations into which the United States refused to enter. It was assumed that President Harding and his advisers would adopt a similar policy of non-participation should the new conference appear to be merely a reproduction of that at Genoa.

U. S. Not Affected

On the other hand, information received here in press dispatches has indicated that a stipulation expressly excluding the United States from any of the effects of decisions reached at the Hague might be included in the invitation in such a way as to change the basis of the whole problem.

Throughout the Genoa conference the American government has emphasized through Ambassador Child that the United States would not be bound by the decisions reached there. Whether the Hague invitation, when its full text is received, will embody that stipulation in such definite form as to meet the views of the administration is a question upon which no official will make a prediction on the basis of the information at hand.

SECRETARY HUGHES DECLINES BID TO HAGUE CONFERENCE

Washington, May 15.—If the life of the Genoa Conference hangs on the attitude of the United States toward the newest proposal for a conference on Russia at The Hague, then Secretary of State Hughes administered the coup de grace tonight by sending a note in which this Government declines—again—to participate.

The United States, according to Mr. Hughes, is unable to conclude that it can take part helpfully in The Hague meeting, "as this would appear to be a continuance, under a different nomenclature, of the Genoa Conference."

Nor does Mr. Hughes see how the United States consistently can maintain its position for fundamental reforms by Soviet Russia if it ignores the reiteration of Bolshevik principles laid down as lately as last Thursday.

HON. E. M. WOODWARD RESIGNS AS L. & N. GENERAL ATTORNEY

Edward J. Jouet, vice president and general counsel of the L. & N. Railroad, has announced several changes in his department, effective May 15, which have been approved by W. L. Mapother, president. Sidney Smith, valuation counsel, has been appointed general attorney, vice Ernest Woodward, who has resigned to re-enter the general practice of law. J. H. McChord, counsel, is appointed assistant to the general counsel. Ashby M. Warren, assistant district attorney for Kentucky, is appointed assistant general claims attorney. The jurisdiction of James J. Donohue, general claims attorney, is extended so as to cover personal injury and damage to property litigation.

Friends of Mr. Woodward in this city have received the following announcement:

Ernest Woodward and Benjamin D. Warfield announce that they have formed a partnership for the General practice of law, under the firm name of Woodward & Warfield with offices in suite 1705 Inter-Southern Building, Jefferson and Fifth Streets, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Woodward has resigned as general attorney for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Mr. Warfield, in association with Mr. Woodward, will continue, as heretofore, as District Attorney for Kentucky for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Mr. R. P. Hobson will be associated with the firm.

HARTFORD'S FIRST RADIO PARTY, MAY 23, 24 AND 25

Although the radiophone has been thoroughly discussed in this city during the past few months, and there has been considerable talk of organizing a radio club, so far, there has never been an instrument installed here, or so far as we know, in the county. However, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, The Citizens Bank and the Star Theater will be hosts at a radio party at the latter place.

This party is to be free to all who wish to attend. The program will be of the highest type and will be transmitted from Chicago.

The instrument will be obtained in Louisville.

U. S. CHILD LABOR LAW IS HELD VOID

Supreme Court Rules Levy of Tax On Output As Penalty Is Unconstitutional.

Washington, May 15.—The child labor law was declared unconstitutional today by the Supreme Court. The law, enacted in 1919, was intended to regulate employment of children by any mill, cannery, workshop, factory or manufacturing establishment under the age of fourteen, or in any mine or quarry under sixteen by imposing an excise tax of 10 per cent on the net annual profits of those employing such labor.

It was attacked on the ground that it attempted to regulate an exclusively State function, in violation of the Federal Constitution and the Tenth Amendment and was defined as a mere excise tax levied by Congress under its power of taxation.

The law was attacked in the Supreme Court by three cases from North Carolina, appealed by the Government. Two of these, the Atherton Mills and that by John J. George and others were dismissed on technicalities, but the case brought by the Drexel Furniture Company was found in proper form and it was on that the law was declared invalid.

The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice William Howard Taft with no dissent announced. The case was discussed at length in view of previous decisions involving questions bearing on the taxing power of Congress, and the law was held invalid as an attempt by Congress to regulate through its taxing power something within the jurisdiction of the various States in the exercise of their police powers.

Officials of the Internal Revenue Bureau declined to discuss the decision until they could read the full opinion, but stated that the amount of money involved in taxes was small and that the Child Labor Bureau employing about fifty persons would be dismissed.

CAUGHT WITH LIQUOR FINED AT FORDSVILLE

Park Hall, Roscoe Butler and James Hodges, the latter only 16 years of age and the son of Mr. Pete Hodges, all of Beaver Dam, were arrested in Fordsville by Marshal Walter Burden, early Wednesday morning for drunkenness and the two first named given fines of \$10.00 and cost in Police Court. They were then turned over to Magistrate J. R. Murphy, in whose court Hall and Butler were given fines of \$100.00 and thirty days in jail for having whisky in their possession. Eight pints of white liquor was found in their possession.

Young Hodges was arraigned before Judge Wedding in Juvenile Court yesterday morning and was discharged upon his father's recognizance. Both Hall and Butler testified that the youth had nothing to do with the liquor, that his only participation in the rum-running episode was his taking of his father's car without his consent and taking them to Hartford and Owensboro for hire.

NEEDLE CARRIED IN ARM FOR 12 YEARS

New York, May 14.—A small needle, which, according to Mrs. Helen Janowitz, has been in her arm for twelve years, has just been removed and today she began to improve following the attack of blood poisoning it caused. She informed a physician that she thrust it into her flesh while sewing in Russia. It caused pain in the left arm for the last two years and recently it caused blood poisoning.

DEMOCRAT WINS IN CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Dallas, Texas, May 13.—Guinn Williams, of Decatur, seems likely tonight to be the newest congressman from Texas. Early returns indicate his election in the thirteenth district, to succeed the late Lucian W. Parrish, of Henrietta. Mr. Parrish was killed in an automobile accident while on his senatorial campaign tour. Williams is a Democrat.

TOBACCO GROWERS' ORGANIZATION WELL UNDER WAY

Many Counties Name Chairmen and Set Dates For Membership Campaign.

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 15.—(Special) The last of May and early part of June will see the actual signing of members to the Dark Tobacco Growers Co-Operative Association well started.

Todd was the lead-off county in the dark district and it has already secured more than the required two-thirds of its acreage. Frank Camp is chairman.

Hopkins county has named W. F. Cardwell as chairman and will start their campaign May 30th. Sentiment is said to be overwhelmingly in favor of the association in the county.

Montgomery county, Tenn. has elected Claude Coke as chairman and the drive there will start June 1st. That county is also in fine condition and this will be strengthened when Judge Robert W. Bingham speaks there on May 27th.

Logan county has elected I. C. Grubbs as chairman and the campaign will be begun there very shortly, and under bright prospects for a sign up far exceeding the minimum.

Trigg has elected W. C. Broadbent as chairman, and he is arranging to put on a very vigorous campaign. Trigg growers have been anxious for months for an opportunity to sign and large results are confidently expected there.

Simpson county was one of the very first to name its chairman, Dr. J. R. Claypool. He has gotten his organization committee in good shape and the drive is expected to be a big success.

Muhlenburg county is under the leadership of J. T. Reynolds, a banker, and conditions there are very satisfactory in every way and the sign up will go over big.

Caldwell county has elected F. T. Satterfield as chairman and far more than the two-thirds is expected.

On the day that Daivess county growers named W. C. Haycraft as chairman 600 acres were pledged. This is believed to be just a sample of the readiness with which the growers there will sign. Judge Bingham will speak at Owensboro on May 20.

Graves county growers will meet May 20 to take the preliminary steps toward their campaign. There seems to be no opposition to the organization.

With the work thus started in several counties it will be extended more rapidly over the district and it won't be long until all of the fifty-five counties have been reached.

BANKS TO ACT ON LEAF POOL

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 15.—Bankers of Western Kentucky are expected to take formal action on what policy they will pursue toward the Dark Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association at the annual meeting of Groups One and Two of the Kentucky Bankers' Association at Fulton, Ky., Wednesday, when Judge Robert W. Bingham of Louisville will speak in interest of the growers' organization.

STRAWBERRY PICKING

William Bean, Jr., Raymond Gray, Otha Lee, Floyd and Cloyd Gibson, Hartford youths, left Thursday morning for the vicinity of Bowling Green where they are to be engaged during the season, picking strawberries.

JUDGE BINGHAM TO SPEAK IN OWENSBORO

Judge Robert W. Bingham will speak in the interest of the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association in Owensboro next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The regular May examination for teacher's certificate will be conducted at Hartford, next Friday and Saturday, May 19th, and 20th. A large number of applicants are expected.

TWENTY TON METEOR SHAKES VIRGINIA TOWNS

Norfolk, May 16.—The shock of a twenty-ton meteor which crashed to the ground in an isolated spot in Nottoway county, twelve miles northwest of Blackstone Thursday night, was felt for a radius of fifty miles while the brilliant glare of the incandescent body illuminated the heavens over southern Virginia and sections of North Carolina. The trail of light, as the meteor fell in a slow curve from the zenith at an angle of about forty-five degrees, was visible in this city, Richmond and at points along the James river. It created general excitement and even consternation on the part of negroes.

The meteor, composed of a metallic substance, crashed into a grove of oak trees with an explosive roar some distance from any house making a hole with an area of 500 square feet and burying several trees with it. Flames immediately shot up. They were visible for many miles while trees caught fire.

EDMOND ALLEN BENNETT CELEBRATES 8TH. BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Foster Bennett entertained a number of the little folks, Wednesday afternoon, the 3rd. inst., at her home on Washington Street, in honor of her son, Edmond Allen's eighth birthday. The room was beautifully decorated with pink and white roses. Delightful refreshments of lemonade, strawberry ice cream and cake were served. Games were played and all guests report a nice time. Those present were: Little Misses Winnie Cook, Hettie Riley Carson, Lois Jane Riley, Sarah Schroeter and Lula D. Martin; Masters Ellis Maddox Foster, James Carlisle Gillespie, Beverly and Joseph Miller, James Lester Fulkerson, Raymond Sanders, Charlie Batze, J. C. Riley and William Foster and Edmond Allen Bennett.

WALLACE HUGHES RESIGNS FROM COURIER-JOURNAL

Louisville, Ky., May 16.—Mr. Wallace T. Hughes, who has been associated in the management of the Courier-Journal and the Louisville Times since September, 1918, and who for several years has been vice president and associate publisher of these newspapers, has tendered his resignation both as vice president and as associate publisher, and it has been accepted with regret. Mr. Hughes retires to accept a position with a large western railroad.

ATTACK BY BULL DOG CAUSES \$10,000 SUIT

Cincinnati, May 12.—Suit for \$10,000 damages, the sequel of an alleged bite by a bull dog was filed in court here today by Mrs. Helen Stanley, proprietor of a rooming house, against Joe Day and his wife, Mrs. Denver Day. The complaint alleged that May 7 a vicious bull dog which she said the defendants kept in their living rooms sprang at her, bit her on the right hip and caused a shock to her nervous system.

ALMS HOUSE KEEPER ENTERTAINS OFFICIALS

Keeper of the County Alms House, Mrs. Charley Smith, and Mr. Smith entertained members of the fiscal court and county officials at dinner, Monday. A bounteous repast was served and highly enjoyed by all present. Those who attended were Judge and Mrs. R. R. Wedding, County Attorney Otto C. Martin, County Clerk Guy Ranney, County Road Engineer Dennis Ashley, Magistrates W. C. Knott, Q. C. Brown, Sam Holbrook, Mack Martin, John W. Taylor and J. R. Murphy.

FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Porter, of Cromwell, entertained, Sunday, in honor of their guest Capt. Alex Ranney, of Arkansas. The event was a sort of family reunion. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour and the entire day highly enjoyed by all present. Among those present besides Mr. Porter and family, were Mr. Harrison Flier and family, Mr. Roscoe Shields and family, Mrs. Annie Johnson and family, Mr. Guy Ranney and family, and the honoree, Capt. Alex Ranney.

FIFTY-SIX APPLY FOR COMMON SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Examination Held At Three Points; Grades to Be Sent Out Next Week.

Fifty-six applied for common school diploma at the regular May examination held at Hartford, Beaver Dam and Fordsville last Friday and Saturday. Mrs. I. S. Mason, county school superintendent, conducted the examination in Hartford, Mr. Oza Shultz, county examiner, held the one at Beaver Dam, and Mrs. Ollie Duff, county examiner, presided at Fordsville. The papers are now being graded but it will not be possible for grade cards to be sent out until sometime next week. Below is a list of applicants:

Hartford
Clifton Black, Hartford, age 16; Ida Marie Bennett, Centertown, age 15; Stanley Miller, Dundee, age 16; Essie Turner, Hartford, age 14; Buena Lee Minton, Hartford, age 14; Alvera Stevens, Hartford, R. 1, age 17; Leland Emerson Carson, Hartford, R. 3, age 16; Edwin Shaver, Hartford, R. 4, age 16; Elizabeth Scott, Hartford, age 15; Mary Louise Tappan, Hartford, age 15; Ania Jones, Hartford, age 16; William Colman Brown, Hartford, age 12; Ernie Brown, Central Grove, age 16; Ruth Stalworth, Hartford, age 14; Marvin Durbin, Hartford, R. 1, age 17; Alvin Cole, Dundee, age 14; Joseph Meadows, Hartford, age 15; Alma Trogden, no address given, age 14; Norine Maddox, Centertown, age 15; Glenn Tate, Hartford, age 14.

Fordsville
Louise Kirk, Fordsville, age 13; Mary Duncan, Fordsville, age 15; Mary D. Marlowe, Fordsville, R. 1, age 15; Clifford Westerfield, Fordsville, age 14; Kenneth Ford, Fordsville, age 13; Aileen Elizabeth Foster, Fordsville, age 14; Beulah Roberts, Fordsville, age 14; Maxine Elliot Hoskins, Fordsville, age 13; Mariah Bell Roberts, Fordsville, age 14; Flora Morree Wells, Fordsville, R. 2, age 13; Louanna Fordville, R. 2, age 13; Louanna Miller, Horse Branch, age 14; Clema Evans, Fordsville, age 15; Coy E. Clark, Askins, age 15; Lee Evans, Beaver Dam, R. 2, age 16; James Crows, Fordsville, age 16; Clarence O. Brown, Fordsville, age 16; Margaret Rodgers, Fordsville, age 14; Clydia Clark, Askins, age 17.

Beaver Dam
Jesse R. Barnes, Beaver Dam, age 16; Lillian Buck, Beaver Dam, R. 2, age 15; Tommie Elsie Phelps, Beaver Dam, age 14; Thelma Amos, Beaver Dam, age 14; Dolores Smothers, Beaver Dam, R. 2, age 13; Ona W. Clements, Cromwell, age 15; Martha E. Southard, Beaver Dam, age 15; Frances A. Stevens, Beaver Dam, R. 2, age 12; Harold Taylor Stewart, Beaver Dam, age 15; Sterling Scott Maddox, Beaver Dam, age 13; Charles Mitchell Cannan, Beaver Dam, age 14; Ronald Smothers, Beaver Dam, R. 2, age 15; Henry Stanley, Beaver Dam, age 13; Tyson Alfred, Beaver Dam, age 14; Lois B. Fuqua, Beaver Dam, age 14; Randolph Baker, Beaver Dam, age 14; Ralph B. Mason, Rockport, age 13; Lionel Ross, Echols, age 13.

COFFMAN-STALSWORTH

Miss Lena Coffman and Mr. Carl Stalworth were married Tuesday evening, May the 9th, at the Methodist parsonage in Livermore. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Buck Coffman of the lower point country and popular in her set, while the groom is a son of Mr. Arch Stalworth, deceased, and the now Mrs. Harvey Powell, of De-Koven. Mr. Stalworth is highly respected and industrious young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Stalworth left Thursday for Louisville, where Mr. Stalworth has a position with the Kentucky Wood Products Co.

GO STRAWBERRY PICKING

Mesdames Della Bratcher and Emma Casteel, Miss Versa Newcomb and brother, Ernest Clarence, of Washington, were among a group of parties who left Saturday morning for Portland, Tennessee, where they will remain during the strawberry season.